"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

September and October have been dry. So dry that new seedings of lawns, pastures, alfalfa and small grain are spotty.

We've checked the record and here's what we find. There was .70 inches in September and 1.04 inches in October. There have been five occasions since 1941 when one or the other months had less precipitation than in 1978. In 1941 the two months had 1.19 inches and in 1940 there was a total for the two months of 1.49 inches. We conclude from this that the two months, September and October 1978, were the driest in 37 years.

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Congratulations to Marvin Glover who takes over as President of the Appomattox County Farm Bureau.

Thanks to Jimmy Rosser who has provided outstanding leadership to this farm organization for the past four years.

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There is a way to construct a porous concrete floor. It's useful in a greenhouse and may have application elsewhere. Concrete of this type will permit water poured onto it to flow through without puddling. A cubic yard formula is as follows:

2800 pounds of 3/8" rock
5½ sacks of Portland Cement
3 gallons of water per sack.

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WARNING - Homeowners are headed for the same problem, and maybe worse, that's been experienced for the past two years with evergreen ornamentals.

They need a deep drink of water - - - a thorough soaking from the garden hose turned on very slowly. You won't get it done properly at one time. Water for a couple of hours on two successive days.

Plants will not tolerate the cold winds unless they have an adequate supply of moisture.

Shallow rooted plants like boxwood, azaleas and rhododendrons may need additional watering before cold weather.

All watering must be complete before the ground freezes. Observations of last week show that the soil under many large evergreens is cracked open.

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If you are saving dry seed for eating or planting next year, place them in shallow pans in the oven at 130 degrees F. to 145 degrees F for an hour to kill the insects that are in the seed. Store in air tight containers.

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Halloween pumpkins can be kept for later use! They are best kept when they are left on the vines until the vines die and turn brown of old age, than remove the fruit with pruning sheers leaving a 4 to 6" stem attached to the fruit. Cure in a warm sunny place such as an outdoor table for a week, then store at **room temperature.**

Stored in a cool, damp root cellar or basement greatly shortens storage life.

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Bookings for tobacco space at New Farmers Warehouse, Lynchburg, may be made as of November 1, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Telephone: 847-6921.

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Follow this advice and problems with your blower will melt away.

Shown above are the winners in the Halloween Costume Contest, part of the annual Halloween party held at the Ben Franklin Store in the Triangle Plaza Shopping Center.

Winners in the Ben Franklin Costume Contest Announced

Witches, goblins, gorillas and even "Geraldine Jones" created and made famous by comedian, Flip Wilson, were on hand for the annual Halloween party which included refreshments and costume judging that took place at the Ben Franklin Store in Triangle Plaza Shopping Center on Halloween night.

Chuck Goodrich of Radio Station WTTX served as master of ceremonies and Pete Nealley, store manager, dressed as cowboy "Texas Pete" was host for the evening of fun.

There were six categories for costume competition and winners were as follows:

Five years old and under - 1st prize was shared by Katie and Eric Powell who were dressed as Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy; 2nd place went to Rodney Thompson dressed as a Hobo; 3rd prize was given to David Garrett, as a Clown.

In the 6 to 10 year group the winners were: 1st place, Larry Shorter who dressed as The Old Man With a Hook; 2nd place went to Vivian Seay who was dressed and made up like a cat, 3rd place went to Janice Hudson who was a lady with a painted face.

As winners in the 13-15 year old group first place went to Darryl Tucker, dressed as a gorilla; Teresa Bass took second place as a hobo and 3rd place went to Stella Coborn who was "Flossie", the Island Girl.

Winners in the 15 years and up category were: 1st place, Becky Shorter who was dressed as half man and half woman; 2nd place went to Pete Jamerson for dressing and acting out the part of "Geraldine Jones" third place went to Joannie Fleshman, dressed as a witch.

In the 'couple category' the winners were Mrs. Ava Almond dressed as "Ma" and Thelma Almond as "Pa".

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ASCS TODAY

By Tom Conrad

Flue-Cured Tobacco Marketing Cards - Producers are reminded to return their flue-cured tobacco marketing cards to the ASCS office as soon as they have completed their sales. You should examine your card and sale bills each sale to see if the sale was correctly recorded. If there is an error you should report it to the ASCS marketing recorder at the warehouse or to the ASCS office.

Fire-Cured and Sun-Cured Tobacco Marketing Cards will be mailed to producers on November 15, 1978. We cannot issue a marketing card if Form MQ-38 (post-card) which requested information on the use of pesticides and planting of Maryland tobacco has not been completed and returned to the office.

Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) - Producers who have been approved for conservation work to be performed this fall are reminded to report the completion of the practice by the expiration date shown on the notice of approval. If you will be unable to complete the practice by the expiration date you should check with us about getting an extension.

The 1979 ACP is in the process of being developed. Producers who are planning to participate in this program in 1979 are reminded that fall is a good time for taking soil samples. Usually in the spring when the laboratory has so many samples coming in each day there is a waiting period of from three to six weeks before the results are received. Therefore it would be advisable for you to take your soil samples now, if at all possible.

Virginia Dark-Fired Tobacco Growers marketing Association Annual Membership Meeting will be held at New Randolph Warehouse on Friday, November 10, 1978 at 2 p.m. Fire-Cured producers are urged to attend this meeting.

Opening of Fire-Cured Tobacco Markets and Booking Sales - Tobacco markets will open on November 28, 1978 and run four weeks before Christmas. The first three weeks will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday sales and the last week will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, closing for the holidays on December 20, 1978.

The post Christmas sales schedule will be announced prior to the Christmas closing.

All warehouses will book tobacco this year. Growers may book tobacco by calling the following warehouses. New Randolph Warehouse, Farmville, Va. 392-4029; New Farmers, Lynchburg, Va. 847-6921; Iron Warehouse, Kenbridge, Va. 676-8157. Tobacco needs to be booked in advance to be put on the floor.

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Before The Storm

If the thought of being snowbound leaves you cold, you should make sure your snow blower is ready for the first snowfall of the season. Here are some tips from the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute for making sure snowflakes don't have a fighting chance.

A DIRTY CARBURETOR FILTER can cut back on your machine's efficiency.

1. Before you do anything, reread the owner's manual to make sure you remember exactly how the machine works.
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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Monday morning. At the breakfast table I reminded Brightleaf that it was the thirteenth of the month, so be careful. After corn flakes, eggs and bacon, I donned hat and coat to drive to the post office, and the car would not start. That kind of day. Phoned for help and at the moment am giving patience a test. First day of rabbit hunting, too. But I do not hunt, so no problem there. Appears to be a day very suitable for hunting. Six cottontails per day, seventy-five per season.

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Just as Monday is not "my day" so Saturday was not a great day for Virginia's Big Five football teams. U. of Va. lost. VPI lost. VMI lost. William and Mary lost. U. of Richmond lost. But ACHS is still in the regional race and has a big play-off game Saturday afternoon. Win or lose, it has been a good season for The Raiders. Ah yes, and Slippery Rock won Saturday, over Lock Haven State.

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Came home Saturday and found a bag of turnips at the front door. Thanks.

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Congratulations. Marvin J. House, Jr. has been promoted from loan officer to assistant vice president and assistant branch manager in the Amherst branch of Fidelity-American Bank. He is the son of Mrs. Marvin J. House, Sr. and the late Mr. House, of Appomattox, is a former member of the Appomattox Town Council, Lions Club here, and active in Woodmen of the World, Falling River County Club, etc.

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One hour later . . . after writing above, got prompt service on my car, only minor trouble easily fixed by one of the excellent mechanics at Lawson Ford. As Henry Hallam wrote on his study of the Middle Ages, "as the morning breathes upon us and the twilight reddens into the lustre of day."

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Virtually everyone who was going to take a vacation this year has taken it. I was recalling ways to keep those in the car alert while on a long trip. An old standby was to play "animals." The driver keeps an eye on the road and the others in the car choose sides and count cows, horses, sheep. A white mule counts twenty! Start a new game after one side gets a hundred. And you can play "automobiles." One passenger counts foreign cars, another Fords, another Chevvies, another pick-up trucks, etc. Pass a cemetery on your opponent's side, and you "bury" whatever they were counting. Prizes? Well, losers pay for the next hamburgers. Silly? I do not think so, for it pays to keep everyone alert and I never thought much of sleeping while riding in a car.

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The Baptist General Association of Virginia holds its 155th annual convention in Roanoke this week. Area churches will be represented.

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Leaf raking is getting to be big business. I never had compost pile, but many gardeners make good use of fallen leaves.

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Reading for the week? Of all things, I have been reading "Ballads of Hindustan." American Education Week is a good time to focus attention on reading. Never too young or too old to learn.

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Thanks for reading, and seeya next week.

State Champions

WOW Camp 71 officers and drill team was awarded first place in State Competition on Saturday, October 21, 1978, at Harrisonburg, Va.

Seated are Camp 71 officers: Past President, B. K. Martin; President, Harry E. Ranson; Treasurer, Steve H. Marshall; Vice-President, Cecil W. Deaner; Escort, Floyd W. Fleshman; and Area Manager, B. Earl Clapp.

Drill Team members standing, l. to r., are Captain Charles L. Crews, Harry G. Lawson, Member of the Board of Directors; Marshall D. Goin, Marvin J. House, Donald L. Hudson, John W. Canada, Chuck Collins, Michael Weakley, Wayne Lee, Jimmy Drinkard, Jurisdictional Watchman, R. B. Moore.

Members who participated but not pictured above John T. Hall and Donald Drinkard.

The Officers and Drill Team are judged on the proficiency of the Ritual, elocution and dignity and Company Movement.

Michael T. Hughes

Named park Ranger At Local National park

Michael T. Hughes has been selected to fill the new position as Park Ranger at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. He will be responsible for Visitor Protection and Resource Management, environmental education programs, fee collection and special use permits.

Hughes comes to his new position from Golden Gate National Recreation Area, San Francisco, California where he was an Interpretative Specialist since October, 1977. He began his National park Service career as a seasonal park Naturalist on the Blue Ridge Parkway in 1969. He served as a Park Technician at the Jefferson Memorial, John F. Kennedy Center, and the National Visitor Center from January 1972 to September 1977.

Hughes is a native of Danville, Virginia and graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a B.S. in Forestry and Wildlife Management in 1969.

On October 12, 1978, he married Caren Pond from San Francisco, California. His wife plans to join him in early January 1979.

Fund Drive Big Success

When the Appomattox County Rescue Squad conducted its annual Fund Drive during the month of October, a goal of $13,700 was set. The Fund Drive was quite successful as evidenced by the check being presented by Captain James Rogers in the amount of $15,458.37, total donated to the local rescue squad, to Anderson Scruggs, President of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad. Citizens of Appomattox County are sincerely thanked for their generous contributions to this worthy organization.

Workshop On Alcoholism & Teenage Drinking Monday, Nov. 20

The Appomattox County Drug Education Committee will sponsor the third program on Drug Abuse November 20, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. at the County High School. The program entitled "Alcoholism and Teenage Driving" will feature State Police Sergeant C. L. Prater who will explain how alcohol effects one's ability to operate a motor vehicle; Mr. Lee Gillan, Director of East View, an Alcohol Treatment Center in Buckingham County; and Mrs. Evelyn Simon, Outreach Worker at East View. Mrs. Simon is former director of Willow Oaks, an Alcohol Treatment Center in Carterseville. Both Mrs. Simon and Mr. Gillian have worked extensively with alcoholics and much of Mr. Gillan's work experience has been with teenagers.

Following the presentations by the guest speakers who will also serve as panel members, there will be a question and answer period. Other panel members will include a high school student body representative, and J. Harmon Smith, Vicar of St. Anne's Episcopal Church of Appomattox, who is also a Board Member of Central Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

Alcoholism is America's number one drug problem. Recently, Dr. Robert Gardner, director of Community Mental Health Services of Lynchburg, said statistics indicate a high rate of Alcoholism in Central Virginia. It is the opinion of the Drug Education Committee that Appomattox County is no exception. Alcoholism is prevalent among adults and teenagers alike. The Drug Education Committee encourages parents and their youth to attend this program which will be geared towards recognizing and dealing with the misuse of alcohol.

Council Turns Down Request For Construction Of Apartment Complex

The Appomattox Town Council, meeting Monday night, voted to turn down a request to approve the construction of a 48-unit apartment complex as they are unable to provide water and sewer at this time for such a project.

On October 9th, Mr. Don Brown, President of Virten, Ltd. of Lynchburg appeared before council to request permission to construct a 48-unit apartment complex. The proposed rental project would have been privately operated and apartments would have been geared toward low to middle income families and the elderly.

The need for this type of housing facility in Appomattox is evident, however, at this time it is impossible to grant permission for the construction, according to council.

The Comprehensive Plan for Appomattox as amended was adopted by council and members approved a Sewer System Evaluation Survey facility plan.

In other business, council adopted a Cable TV Ordinance and it will be let for bids.

A request from the Appomattox Farm Supply to add storage space for fertilizer was approved by council.

The extension of water and sewer service from the Town of Appomattox to the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park was approved at their cost if and when the new water and sewer systems are completed.

The Rev. Edward Leonard, minister of Memorial United Methodist Church, was appointed a board member to The Crossroads House Board of Directors in Lynchburg.

At the Monday night meeting, council voted to co-sponsor the 1979 Railroad Festival again. The Appomattox Junior Woman's Club is also a co-sponsor. The Festival has been scheduled for October 13, 14, 1979.

Council approved a request from the YWCA in Lynchburg for use of the depot one night a week when Susan Deacon of the Lynchburg YWCA and Mrs. Jerry Burke appeared before council. They are to provide their own insurance, cannot interfere with the Jaycee programs, cannot interfere with the Arts & Crafts and must keep the place clean.

Bill Britton, town manager, was requested to get bids on a number of side-walk projects in the Town of Appomattox.

The meeting was recessed to Wednesday night, November 15, 1978 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall to complete town business.

CVPDC HAS COPIES OF VOLUNTARY STANDARDS FOR NON-INFLATIONARY WAGE & PRICE BEHAVIOUR

Copies of the proposed Voluntary Standards for Non-Inflationary Wage and Price Behaviour, released by the Council on Wage and Price Stability, released November 7, 1978, are available at the Central Virginia Planning District Commission office, 2511 Memorial Avenue, Lynchburg, phone 845-3491.

Interested persons may go by and read the copy or may get a copy for a cost of $2.00.

NO TRASH PICK-UP NOVEMBER 23RD

There will be no trash pick-up on Thursday, November 23rd, in the Town of Appomattox due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Trash will be picked up by town forces on Friday, November 24, 1978.

School Board Reviews Vocational Education Plans

The Appomattox County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, November 7, 1978, 7:00 p.m. in the School Board Office. Discussing present programs and considering plans for the 1979-80 school session required most of the time of the board meeting.

By January 15, 1979 the School Board is required to submit to the State Department of Education updated six-year plans for vocational education, special education and the school division. The board discussed areas to be considered in each of the plans for the 1979-80 school session.

In vocational education the board reviewed suggestions made by the Advisory Council on Vocational Education. The recommendations include, 1) the addition of Accounting I in the business program, 2) an additional instructor in the area of Consumer and Homemaking Education, 3) improvements to the agricultural machinery laboratory and greenhouse facilities, 4) initiation of industrial arts as a part of the high school curriculum, and 5) space for the occupational clothing program.

The school division plan includes six objectives to give guidance to the instructional program during the next six years. These areas cover 1) basic learning skills, 2) individualized program for gifted and talented students, 3) a free and appropriate educational program for each handicapped student between the ages of two and twentyone, 4) minimum competencies for graduation, 5) alternative educational opportunities for students who cannot profit from the regular school program, and 6) successful entry into the world of work or advanced education upon leaving high school.

Moving toward the goal of a free and appropriate educational program for all handicapped children between the ages of two and twenty-one will require continuation of present programs, the addition of an approved program for pre-school handicapped children and a program (in cooperation with Campbell County School Board and the Virginia Commission for the Visually Handicapped) for vision impaired students for the 1979-80 session.

The board took no action on the areas which are under consideration in the three plans. Further discussion and evaluation of the plans by the board and school personnel will occur before action is taken at the board meeting in January, 1979.

The superintendent reported to the board that a very effective meeting for the public on drug education was held at Appomattox County High School on November 16. Miss Jeanne Bentley, State Department of Education, and Dr. Robert Gardner, Central Virginia Mental Health Services, presented a program on drug prevention and treatment.

Other activities planned in the area of drug education include a public forum at ACHS at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 20. On November 13, Miss Bentley will meet with ACHS juniors from the English classes through the day and discuss self-understanding and decision making. On the same day Miss Bentley will meet at 3:45 p.m. with the teachers from the elementary schools.

On Monday, December 4, Miss Bentley will return to the school system to meet with seniors at ACHS during the school day and with the teachers after school. At 7:30 p.m. on this same date and with the teachers after school. At 7:30 p.m. on this same date she will present the PTA program at the Appomattox Middle School.

A brief review of the Title I program was presented to the board. The report, submitted by Mr. Daniel Davis, Title I Supervisor, revealed that there are five teachers and fifteen teacher aides in the program working with two-hundred thirty-four students in grades one through six.

Students selected for the program are in need of special services in reading and mathematics. Each student is given approximately 45-50 minutes of instruction over and above that given by the regular classroom teacher. The minimum program goal for the 1978-79 school year is six months growth in reading and mathematics.

For the first time since the establishment of Standards of Quality and Objectives for Public Schools in Virginia in 1971 by the State Legislature, the program for 1978-80 has a standard on responsible student conduct. The Board discussed this standard and reviewed some of the activities of the school system in this area during the past three or four years.

The school board and the superintendent feel that conduct and attendance of students in this division are good compared to many localities. Standards have been established and administrators and teachers have worked well with students and parents to achieve desirable goals. Parents have given their support and students have responded positively.

It was also the agreement of the board that there must be a continuous program throughout all phases of the school division to guide and direct students toward responsible conduct and regular school attendance. Therefore, school personnel, in cooperation with parents and students, will continue to assess student conduct and attendance, to implement the present program and activities in this area as effectively as possible, and to make changes in programs and activities as needs develop.

The next regular meeting of the board will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 1978, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Supervisors Approve Cable Television

Appomattox County residents could be viewing cable television in about a year after the Board of Supervisors enacted a cable television ordinance at their meeting on Thursday of last week.

All three board members passed the ordinance granting franchises to cable television companies, and two optimistic promoters expressed hope of completing preliminary studies and beginning construction of reception by next spring.

Ronald Coleman and Francis N. Hamilton appeared at the board's public hearing and said if feasibility studies prove positive and their bid is accepted for the franchise, they could begin operation within 120 days of the board's acceptance.

The board is advertising for bids and the Coleman-Hamilton bid is the only one expected.

The two Appomattox residents estimated an overall $250,000 investment in the project which includes a $25,000 performance bond requirement the board imposed.

The two promoters stressed that they would need the 120 days to determine their final commitment but said "we're fairly certain we can make it go."

In other action, the board appointed William R. Britton, Jr. as fire marshall to act in case of emergency with authority of the board.

Britton, Appomattox town manager, special projects officer for the board & emergency services coordinator for the county, was on open fires in the county during an emergency. At this point the county's condition is not that bad.

The county's Comprehensive Plan of long range social, economic and political goals was adopted by the board on the recommendation of the planning commission.

"Vial of Life" Program . . . it's FREE and could save your life

The "Vial of Life" program is coming to Lynchburg and the surrounding areas. In case of a medical emergency this "Vial of Life" will provide the information that is so critical in order for the victim to receive the quickest and most effective treatment available. Distribution will be set up at all King's Super Markets in the area from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, November 18. There is no cost for this program and could well make the difference between a person living or dying. For more information contact your local rescue agency or call the Blue Ridge EMS Council, 528-0364.

This program was presented in Campbell County by the Campbell County Senior Services Department this past spring and due to the success of their campaign, BREMS asked and received permission from

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Clerk's Office To Open Sat. A.M.

The Clerk's Office in Appomattox will be open Saturday morning, November 18th, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon for the convenience of persons wishing to purchase hunting licenses, according to an announcement from Mrs. Barbara Williams, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Appomatox County.

Charter Buses Will Take Fans To Saturday's Game

The Appomattox County High School Boosters Club is selling seats on a charter bus at a cost of $6.50 each for the football game this Saturday afternoon, November 18th, in Martinsville, Va. The group will be leaving promptly at 9:00 Saturday morning.

In order to reserve a seat on the bus, TAKE YOUR MONEY to either the Ben Franklin Store in the Triangle Plaza Shopping Center or to the Fidelity American Bank, Hillcrest Branch before 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15.

The Raiders are 'going good', go with them and let them know you're behind them.

Lions Club Plans Tour At Meredith-Burda Plant

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight, Thursday, no later than 6 p.m. at the John Mosby Inn Restaurant.

Following dinner members will leave for a tour of the Meredith-Burda plant in Lynchburg. Plans are to arrive at the plant by 7 p.m. - note changes in time for dinner and time to be in Lynchburg.

This will be a most interesting program and all members will want to be present.

November - Firemen's Month

Mayor Ronald C. Spiggle has designated November as "Volunteer Firemen's Month" and has authorized Mr. . Paul Drinkard and Mr. James R. Ford, Jr., shown above, to collect Christmas donations for the "Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department."

These public spirited volunteers dedicate long hours of their time in service to the community without any material compensation. Not only do they attend fires both in the "Town" and "County", but they hold many training sessions in order to become more proficient.

Theirs is a time and energy consuming activity and is an essential service to the whole community. This will give you the opportunity to say "Thank You" by donating when Mr. Drinkard or Mr. Ford contacts you sometime during the month of November.